Union-Intersection Based Goodness-of-Fit Tests in Terms of Local Levels

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The Union-Intersection Principle and Local Levels *U*₁, . . . , *U_n* $\stackrel{iid}{\sim}$ *U*(0, 1), *U*_{1:*n*}, . . . , *U_{n:n}* related order statistics *H*⁺_{*i*} (or *H*_{*i*}) is true if $X_{i:n} \ge U_{i:n}$ (or $X_{i:n} \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} U_{i:n}$)

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\Rightarrow H_0^+ \subseteq \cap_{i=1}^n H_i^+ \text{ and } H_0 \subseteq \cap_{i=1}^n H_i
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 $\Rightarrow \varphi^+ = \max_i \varphi^+_i$ and $\varphi = \max_i \varphi_i$ are union-intersection tests.

Local levels:

$$
\alpha_{i,n}^+ = \mathbb{P}(\varphi_i^+ = 1 | H_0) = \mathbb{P}(U_{i:n} \leq c_{i,n})
$$

 $\alpha_{i,n} = \mathbb{P}(\varphi_i = 1 | H_0) = \mathbb{P}(U_{i:n} \leq c_{i,n}) + \mathbb{P}(U_{i:n} \geq \tilde{c}_{i,n})$

Local Levels of Kolmogorov-Smirnov Tests

 $\alpha_{i,n}^+$ for $\alpha=0.05$ and $n=100,500,1000$ and the corresponding asymptotic local levels (black curve)

Local Levels of Tests Based on φ -Divergences

 $\alpha_{i,n} \equiv \alpha_{i,n}(s)$ with $\alpha = 0.05$ and $n = 1000$ $s = 2$: Higher Criticism (HC), $s = 1$: Berk-Jones (BJ), $s = 0$: reversed BJ, $s = -1$: studentized HC

GOF Tests in Terms of Local Levels

For given critical values $c_{i,n}$, $\tilde{c}_{i,n}$, $i = 1, \ldots, n$, we get $\alpha_{i,n}^+ = \mathbb{P}(U_{i:n} \leq c_{i,n})$ and $\alpha_{i,n} = \mathbb{P}(U_{i:n} \leq c_{i,n}) + \mathbb{P}(U_{i:n} \geq \tilde{c}_{i,n}).$

 $U_{i:n} \sim \text{Beta}(i, n - i + 1)$ with cdf $F_{i,n-i+1}$

One-sided test: $c_{i,n} = F^{-1}_{i,n-1}$ $\sum_{i,n-i+1}^{i-1} (\alpha^+_{i,n}), i = 1, \ldots, n$

Two-sided test: Split $\alpha_{i,n}$ in $\alpha_{i,n}^{(1)}$ $\alpha_{i,n}^{(1)}$ and $\alpha_{i,n}^{(2)}$ $\binom{2}{i,n}$ such that $\alpha_{i,n} = \alpha_{i,n}^{(1)} + \alpha_{i,n}^{(2)}$ $\alpha_{i,n}^{(2)}$ (e.g., $\alpha_{i,n}^{(1)} = \alpha_{i,n}^{(2)} = \alpha_{i,n}/2$) $\Rightarrow c_{i,n} = F_{i,n}^{-1}$ $\sum_{i,n-i+1}^{i-1} (\alpha_{i,n}^{(1)})$ $\widetilde{c}_{i,n}^{(1)}$) and $\widetilde{c}_{i,n} = F^{-1}_{i,n}$ $\frac{a-1}{a}$ _{*i*,*n*}−*i*+1</sub> (1 − $\alpha^{(2)}$ _{*i*,*n*} $\binom{2}{i,n}$, $i = 1, \ldots, n$

GOF Test With Equal Local Levels

$$
\alpha_{1,n}^+ = \ldots = \alpha_{n,n}^+ = \alpha_n^{loc} \text{ or } \alpha_{1,n} = \ldots = \alpha_{n,n} = \alpha_n^{loc}
$$

$$
\varphi^+(\alpha_n^{loc})\colon c_{i,n} = F_{i,n-i+1}^{-1}(\alpha_n^{loc})
$$

$$
\varphi(\alpha_n^{loc})\colon c_{i,n} = F_{i,n-i+1}^{-1}(\alpha_n^{loc}/2) \text{ and } \tilde{c}_{i,n} = 1 - F_{i,n-i+1}^{-1}(\alpha_n^{loc}/2)
$$

$$
p_{i,n} = F_{i,n-i+1}(X_{i:n}), i = 1,\ldots,n, \text{ one-sided } p\text{-values}
$$

$$
M_n^+ = \min_{i=1,\dots,n} p_{i,n} \text{ and } M_n = 2 \min_{i=1,\dots,n} \{p_{i,n}, 1-p_{i,n}\}
$$

 $\varphi^+(a_n^{loc}) = 1$ iff $M_n^+ \leq \alpha_n^{loc}$ and $\varphi(\alpha_n^{loc}) = 1$ iff $M_n \leq \alpha_n^{loc}$

 \Rightarrow $\varphi^+(\alpha_n^{loc})$ and $\varphi(\alpha_n^{loc})$ are minimum p -value (minP) GOF tests.

minP Tests: Different Names and Representations

- Berk & Jones [1978,1979] introduced M_n^+ and M_n as minimum level attained statistics: optimality and Bahadur efficiency;
- Buja & Rolke [2006] (unpublished): minP tests in terms of bounding functions;
- Gontscharuk, Landwehr & Finner (talks at MCP 2011 and MCP 2013): GOF tests with equal local levels, HC tests;
- Aldor et al. [2013]: tests based on the new tail-sensitive simultaneous confidence bands;
- Mary & Ferrari [2014]: non-asymptotic standardization of binomial counts, HC framework;
- Preprints: calibrated KS tests in Moskovich et al., Dirichlet-based tests in Kaplan & Goldman.

Level α minP GOF Tests

Find α_n^{loc} so that $\mathbb{P}(M_n^+ \leq \alpha_n^{loc}|H_0) = \alpha$ or $\mathbb{P}(M_n \leq \alpha_n^{loc}|H_0) = \alpha$.

Let φ be an exact level α test with local levels $\alpha_{i,n}$. Then $\min_{i=1,\dots,n} \alpha_{i,n} \leq \alpha_n^{loc} \leq \max_{i=1,\dots,n} \alpha_{i,n}.$

Example: $i \equiv i_n$ such that $i/n \rightarrow \zeta \in (0, 1)$ leads to the asymptotic KS local level $\alpha_{\zeta}^{K\!S} = 1 - \Phi(-\log(\alpha)/(2\zeta(1-\zeta))).$ Hence,

$$
\alpha_n^{loc} \le 1 - \Phi(\sqrt{-2\log(\alpha)}) + o(1), \ \ n \in \mathbb{N}.
$$

GOF Tests Based on φ -Divergences

 $\alpha_{i,n} \equiv \alpha_{i,n}(s)$ with $\alpha = 0.05$ and $n = 1000$, *s* = 2: Higher Criticism, *s* = 1: Berk-Jones

Higher Criticism (HC) Statistics

• HC statistics are normalized KS statistics:

$$
HC_n^+ = \max_{i=1,...,n} \sqrt{n} \frac{i/n - X_{i:n}}{\sqrt{X_{i:n}(1 - X_{i:n})}},
$$

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HC_n = \max_{i=1,...,n} \left\{ \sqrt{n} \frac{i/n - X_{i:n}}{\sqrt{X_{i:n}(1 - X_{i:n})}}, \sqrt{n} \frac{X_{i:n} - (i-1)/n}{\sqrt{X_{i:n}(1 - X_{i:n})}} \right\}.
$$

- Eicker [1979] and Jaeschke [1979] provided a lot of asymptotic results.
- Local levels of one-sided HC asymptotic level α tests

$$
\alpha_{i,n}^{HC}(\alpha) \approx \frac{-\log(1-\alpha)}{2\log_2(n)\log(n)}
$$

for the most $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$, cf. Gontscharuk et al.[2015]

HC local levels are asymptotically equal in the sensitivity range.

Asymptotics of minP GOF Tests

Theorem 1: (Gontscharuk & Finner [2015]) The minP test with critical value d_n is an asymptotic level α test iff

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} d_n/\alpha_n^* = 1 \text{ with } \alpha_n^* \equiv \alpha_n^*(\alpha) = -\frac{\log(1 - \alpha)}{2 \log_2(n) \log(n)}.
$$

Remark:

- Critical values d_n related to asymptotic level α minP tests converge to 0 for $n \to \infty$.
- The asymptotic critical value is the same for one- and two-sided minP tests.

z-Transformed minP Statistics

Theorem 2: (Gontscharuk & Finner [2015]) The *z*-transformed minP statistics $\Phi^{-1}(1-M_n^+)$ and $\Phi^{-1}(1-M_n/2)$ have the same asymptotic distribution as HC_n^+ and HC_n , resp.

Remark: Theorem 2 implies that the minP critical values

 $\alpha'_n = 1 - \Phi(b_n(t_\alpha^+))$ and $\alpha''_n = 2(1 - \Phi(b_n(t_\alpha))),$

where $b_n(t) = \sqrt{2 \log_2(n)} + (\log_3(n) - \log(\pi) + 2t)/(2\sqrt{2 \log_2(n)}),$ $t_{\alpha}^{+} = -\log(-\log(1-\alpha))$ and $t_{\alpha} = -\log(-\log(1-\alpha)/2)$, lead to asymptotic level α minP tests.

Applicability of Asymptotic Results

Left graph: $\alpha_n^*,\,\alpha_n'',\,\alpha_n''',\,\alpha_n^{loc}$ related to level α one-sided (upper curves) and two-sided (lower curves) minP tests.

Right graph: $\mathbb{P}(M_n^+ \leq d_n | H_0)$ (lower curves) and $\mathbb{P}(M_n \leq d_n | H_0)$ (upper curves) for $d_n = \alpha_n^*, \alpha_n', \alpha_n''$

Finite Approximation for α_n^{loc} *n*

The asymptotic HC local levels are given by

$$
\alpha_{i,n}^{HC}(\alpha) = \frac{-\log(1-\alpha)}{2\log_2(n)\log(n)} \left[1 + O\left(\frac{\log_3(n)}{\log_2(n)}\right)\right]
$$

for $log(n) \le i \le n - log(n)$, cf. Gontscharuk et al. [2015].

Define

$$
d_n(\alpha) = \frac{-\log(1-\alpha)}{2\log_2(n)\log(n)} \left[1 - c_\alpha \frac{\log_3(n)}{\log_2(n)}\right],
$$

where $c_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}$ is a suitable constant.

Since $d_n(\alpha)/\alpha_n^* \to 1$ as $n \to \infty$, Theorem 1 implies that $d_n(\alpha)$ leads to asymptotic level α minP tests.

Approximated And Exact Critical Values

Critical values related to two-sided level α minP GOF tests

 $d_n(\alpha)$ with $c_\alpha = 1.6, 1.3, 1.1$ (diamonds from bottom to top) and α_n^{loc} for $\alpha=0.01, 0.05, 0.1$ (solid curves from bottom to top)

Simulated Global Levels Related to *dn*(α)

 $\mathbb{P}(M_n \leq d_n(\alpha)|H_0)$ (and $\mathbb{P}(M_n \leq \alpha_n^{loc}|H_0)$ for $n = 10^4$ only) simulated by 10^5 repetitions, where $d_n(\alpha)$ is based on $c_{\alpha} = 1.6, 1.3, 1.1$ for $\alpha = 0.01, 0.05, 0.1$, resp.

The minP GOF test works very well at least for considered α - and *n*-values.

Take Home Message

- Local levels can be seen as a measure of local sensitivity.
- One may construct a tailored GOF test by means of local levels.
- The minP test is a test with equal local levels.
- HC asymptotics is the key to the minP asymptotics.
- We provide three competing critical values leading to the asymptotic level α minP tests.
- The minP (as well as HC) asymptotics is very slow.
- New approximation for the minP critical value that works well for finite samples and leads to asymptotic level α tests.

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